

DAN'S ROCK

AL-VI-B-078

Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front, Lonaconing
Prehistoric

Dan's Rock, which is situated along Dan's Mountain, peaks at a height of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Mountain itself rises to an average height of 2,913 feet and the gorges at its feet are wild and picturesque. The rock obtains its local significance from an incident involving Daniel Cresap, son of one of the first settlers to the area, Michael Cresap. It is said that while hunting, he fell from a tree onto the rock and from that point on the ridge where he had fallen was named in his honor.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dan's Rock

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert L. Blough

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

U. S. National Bank Building

CITY, TOWN

Johnstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Pennsylvania 25901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 411

Folio #: 525

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

10-1-6-077

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dan's Rock is located at the end of Dan's Rock Road, east of Midland, Allegany County and is the summit of Dan's Mountain.

The location is designated as a scenic look out point from the advantage of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Rock is actually situated along Dan's Mountain which is part of the Allegany Front. The front is one of the divisions of the physiographic regions of Maryland and runs southwest, northeast with the length of the Appalachian. The Allegany Front marks the end of the Folded Ridge and Valley geographic region and the beginning of the Allegany Plateau region when moving from east to west. The advantage point of Dan's Rock is an outcropping of sandstone at the summit of the Dan's Mountain anticline and over looks the three states of Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dan's Rock, which is situated along Dan's Mountain, peaks at a height of 2,895 feet above sea level. Dan's Mountain itself rises to an average crest line of 2,913 feet and the gorges at its foot are wild convoluted and picturesque.¹ "The aerial perspective reveals a stretch of symmetrical ranges which once, ages past, formed the flat lands not the crests, of this mountain plateau."² This mountain plateau, known as the Allegany Front, now serves as the division of Maryland's Physiographic regions of the Folded Ridge and Valley and the Allegany Plateau. In the years of exploration and settlement of Allegany County, Thomas Cresap had pushed westward up the Potomac River. Here he settled at the present Town of Oldtown. Cresap had several children, the oldest of whom was Daniel. Daniel was a venturesome sort and spent much of his time, exploring the mountains. One of Daniel's exploits that achieved legendary status, was his tracking and treeing of bear cubs. Daniel ascended the tree until he fell and suffered injury. From that time the ridge where Daniel had fallen has been known as Dan's Mountain.³

1 Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va.; McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 5

2 Ibid

3 Ibid, p.61

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1824.85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

3/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

507 National Highway

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

LaVale,

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-078

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DATE: February 8, 1977

1824.85 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Dan's Rock

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Dan's Mountain - Allegany Front

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Runs North-South

NAME OF OWNER: Robert L. Blough

ADDRESS: U. S. National Bank Building

Johnstown, Pa. 25901

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # _____

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

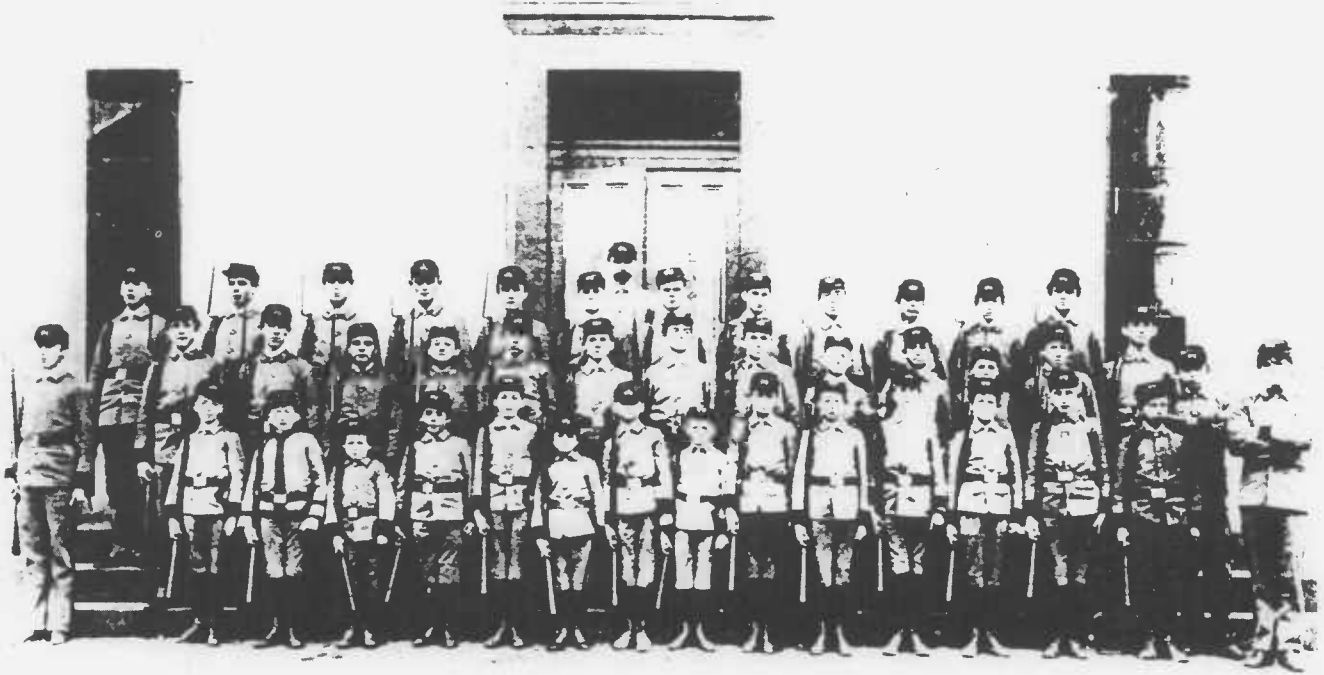
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Scenic
Significance -
Date Constructed -
Condition -



Allegany County Academy cadets in 1895. Left to right, back row: John Wellington, Ralph Wilson, Harvey Daughtrey, Alvy Brady, Taylor Smith, George Houck, Clem Deneen, Spates Brady, Mark Wilson, Pal Millholland, Alex Sloan, Jim Sloan; middle row: ———, Harry Somerville, Olin Durst, Herman Wills, ——— Ramsford, Ross Wilson, Charles Offutt, Jim Baer, Randolph Millholland, ———, ———, Louis Cromwill; front row: Hunter Boyd, Thurston Boyd, ———, George Henderson, ———, Albert Kennewig, ———, ———, Tasker Lowndes, Felix Bareis, ———, Leiper Read, ———, Rex Carpenter, Robin Bullock, Jim Moffat.

Photograph courtesy of
Allegany County Historical Society.

The Neff Novelty Company published this early photo on a postcard, depicting Dan's Rock, south of Frostburg, and in Midland.

From the collection of
Al Feldstein.



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270 000 FEET (MD.)

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39°52'30"

39°37'30"





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Dan's mtn. - Allegany Front
near Kenacoening

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John Nelson

~~west~~ east



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near Kenacoating

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John Nelson

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Dan's Rock

Dan's Mt. Allegany Front

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

~~South~~ Northeast



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Dan's Rock

Dan's Mt. - Allegany Front

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

Southeast